

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7978**
Takehisa MATSUDA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1807A
Serial No. 10/559,835 : Group Art Unit 1633
Filed March 8, 2006 : Examiner Maria Gomez Leavitt
CELL-CONTAINING PREPARATIONS : **Mail Stop: RCE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

An RCE is attached herewith.

Also attached is a Request for a Telephonic Interview.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency
or to credit any overpayment associated with this
communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.*